

Five Councillors were present with Ken Durant in the Chair. Apologies from John Pawsey

The minutes of the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May were approved and signed.

**Matters arising:**

Speed roundels now installed and some slowing down has been noticed.  
Awaiting kerb stones for Gents Lane.

**Finance:**

Replacement extractor fan and heater fan purchased. Internal audit completed and forms etc submitted for external audit. Quarterly budget examined and targets being met.

**Planning:**

Trevilla. Various meetings have taken place and matter now with Standards Board.  
Chadacre Estate: Listed building permission has been granted.  
Tolcarne: Planning permission granted.  
Beevers: application is still ongoing.

**Correspondence:**

Letter from Alpheton thanking the organisers for the children's party on the royal wedding day.  
Suffolk County Council requesting a list of properties with thatched roofs for reference by the fire brigade.  
Babergh Council – review of polling stations – no action required.

**Village Hall:**

Insulation work commenced 16<sup>th</sup> June and will be completed by end of July. New floor to be sanded and polished and hall to be redecorated. Water heater in Kitchen to be replaced. New lighting has been considered, but funds not available at this stage.

**Matters for Discussion:**

**Play Park:** Independent inspection received with only a few minor items to be attended to by the suppliers of the equipment. The football pitch will be marked out shortly and the goal posts and nets secured. Awaiting consultation regarding planting of suitable trees.

**Affordable Housing:** All houses now occupied by people with local connections.

**Parish AGM & Parish Council AGM.:** In order to allow more time for discussions with residents it was agreed that in 2012 the meetings will take place on separate nights. Dates to be announced later.

**County Councillor's Report**

Councillor Kemp confirmed re the departure of the chief executive, Andrea Hill, although no allegations on her had been proved. A new chief executive to be announced shortly, but on a lower salary. Awaiting final decisions re closure of libraries and other services. £10 million from reserves to be allocated to Broadband provisions. In excess of £4 million of savings needed, to be achieved by possible restructuring of tiers of management.

District Councillor James Long, confirmed that a new chief executive had been appointed and is jointly shared with Mid Suffolk District Council. It would appear that the majority of people in Babergh were against a merger with Mid Suffolk with a majority in Mid Suffolk being in favour of a merger. Sharing is proceeding well with Mid Suffolk, resulting in cost savings.

**Any other Business:**

Tree in Gents Lane to be checked by specialist.

Possible potential problems with Ash tree growing by the Coal House which is a listed building. The owner to be advised.

Problems with footpath and verge cutting has been discussed with Suffolk County Council.

The village sign is need of repair and subject to funds being available will be actioned shortly.

It was suggested that old paints and liquids could be located in a specific area for collection by the authorities. This to be investigated.

Two potholes in particular causing concern. (since the meeting it has been established that The Street is to be closed for a few weeks as from the 30<sup>th</sup> August for repairs)

**Next meeting:** On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30 in the village hall.